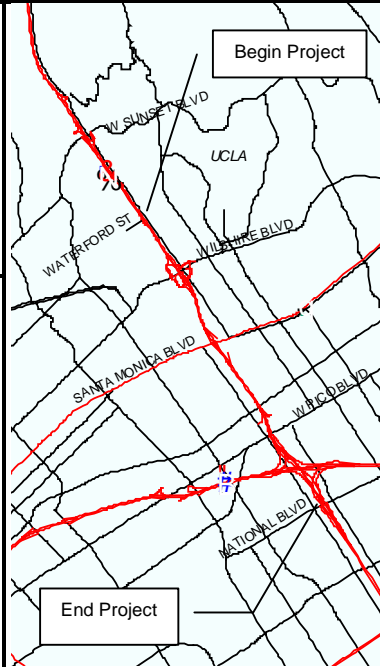




**ANNOUNCEMENT OF
PUBLIC HEARING
Notice of Intent to Adopt a
Negative Declaration/Finding of No
Significant Impact
Study Results Available**

WHAT'S BEING PLANNED?

CALTRANS (California Department of Transportation) is proposing to improve southbound Interstate 405 between National Boulevard and Waterford Street by building one High Occupancy Vehicle lane, auxiliary lanes between the existing on- and off-ramps, and permanently closing the Waterford Street on-ramp. Minor right-of-way may be required for widening.



WHY THIS AD?

Caltrans has studied the effects this project may have on the environment. Our studies show that it will not significantly affect the quality of the environment. The report that explains this is called an Initial Study/Environmental Assessment (IS/EA), and is available for review. This notice is to inform you of the preparation of the Negative Declaration/Finding of No Significant Impact (ND/FONSI). A meeting will be held to give you an opportunity to talk about certain design features of the project with Caltrans' staff before the final design is selected.

WHAT'S AVAILABLE?

Maps for the IS/EA and other project information are available for review and copying at the Caltrans District Office on weekdays from 8am to 5pm. Please call (213) 897-0703 for an appointment. The IS/EA is also available at the West L.A. Regional Library (11360 Santa Monica Boulevard, LA, 90025), and on the Internet at www.dot.ca.gov/dist07/.

WHERE YOU COME IN

Do you have any comments about processing the project with a ND/FONSI and the IS/EA? Do you disagree with the findings of our study as set forth in the Proposed Negative Declaration? Would you care to make any other comments on the project? Please submit your comments in writing no later than May 21, 2001 to Caltrans at the address below. If there are no major comments, Caltrans will request approval from the Federal Highway Administration and proceed with the project's design.

WHEN AND WHERE

The hearing will be May 10, 2001 at Holiday Inn Brentwood (170 N. Church Lane, Los Angeles, 90049) from 6pm to 8pm. Individuals who require special accommodation (American Sign Language interpreter, accessible seating, documentation in alternate formats, etc.) are requested to contact the District 7 Public Affairs Office at (213) 897-4867 at least 21 days prior to the scheduled hearing date. TDD users may contact the California Relay Service TDD line at (800) 735-2929 or Voice Line at (800) 735-2922.

CONTACT

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